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Response Due to IP&L: 01/08/2001

*Main idea

1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of

Problem:

Today when people go to a venue such as a sporting event or a concert there is often times when the cameras will take photos of the audience. People go to greatle ighs practically dressing themselves and their children up in costumes hoping to draw the cameras attention.

Solution

Our selution is a business method that allow the teams to make additional cash by selling "chances" for people to be put on camera. Alternatively and in audition to the paying pustome simpling spances. Internatively and in audition to the paying pustome simpling spances. Internatively according to the user selects a location to see they are more likely to stay funed waiting for the possibility that the camera will actually pay to the location they want.

2. How does the invention solve the problem or achieve an advantage (a description of "the invention", including figures inline as appropriate)?

The business method would work by having the user buy chances at having their seat # on camera. The chances could be purchased at the time the ticket was guidlassed or at a later time. Today, camera men or others examine the audience tooking for interesting people. With our business method they first draw from the chances purchased or supplied over the internet and then shoot the person or persons drawn.

In addition to simply being put on TV, soft copies of the images could also be provided in the form of MPEG of JPEG images. These images would be emailed to the customer, or offered for sale.

In another embediment photographs could be taken, not for TV but simply to be emailed frome so that relatives can see that the customer made it to the earlier for of this the customer would pay the several level would have the camera take a one time picture of the customer and Email it.

At the other extreme an automatic camera could take pictures at every pass and this image would be mailed to the specified empiliaritiess. When the mailed extractive as web TV selling box could immediately open the message and display the picture in a small window on the screen. This allows the viewers at home to relate to their friends and/or tamily members at the game.

Additionally, using the same technology an added softime pould be one of cleaning your seat felore you arrive. Many people are season toker holders and notification money if a carrier would affect the wrong person in the seat and then seed an alert to the seat vs who should be in the seat. Many oppose with this exist and could be gone into at a later time.

3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how trave those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is a better?

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·4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation.

*Critical Questions (Questions 1-8 must be answered)

*Question 1

On what date was the invention workable? 12/07/2000 Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY (Workable means i.e. when you know that your design will solve the problem)

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Title of disclosure

Business Method for charging stadium shots

Response Due to IP&L: 01/08/2001

Evaluation Submitted: 02/15/2001

Evaluation Instructions

FACTOR 1 - TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION

(Consider all Known publications/products - IBM and External)

Reason (s) for above Answer (please specify any technology known to the inventor or the evaluator and explain its relevance)

FACTOR 2 - CHARACTER OF PROBLEM SOLVED

Explain the problem, including describing alternatives and their drawbacks, and any advantages of this invention. What is the most important aspect of the disclosure and the most important advantages/disadvantages in your view?

Do others beside IBM face the problem?

Why so ?

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FACTOR 3 - USE BY IBM

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FACTOR 4 - USE BY OTHERS

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Title: Business Method for Charging Stadium Shots.

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTING ARESTA SEAT LOCATIONS FOR DISPLAY

Background of the Invention

Technical Field of the Invention

This invention pertains to a business method and system for selecting seat locations. More particularly, it pertains to the selection of seat locations for video display such as during breaks in action.

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Background Art

Typically, sports and cultural events in an arena, or some other similar venue such as a stadium, concert hall or theater are recorded for live or delayed video broadcast or other distribution. Camera operators and others, such as editors and producers, scan the audience or other participants in the event for interesting people to record. Then, such as during intermissions or other breaks in the action, or even during the performance or contest itself, video shots of the audience, crowd, team, chorus, or other participants are taken by one or more cameras and selected by an editor or producer for inclusion in the broadcast or distribution.

People often go to great lengths to raise the chance that they, their children or other associates in the audience or crowd, will be included in the video transmission, so that they may be observed by the audience viewing the contest, performance, or other event. Costumes, body paint, unusual behavior, and so forth are often resorted to by such individuals and have more or less effective based upon the type of event and the skill or artistic preferences of the individual editors and producers.

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Heretofore, there as been no mechanism provided for an

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an exemplary embodiment of the invention for selecting a record from the chance table of Figure 2 for e-mail transmission.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, chances for having image(s) of selected event venue locations selected for video distribution are sold to ticket purchasers or others. In accordance with further

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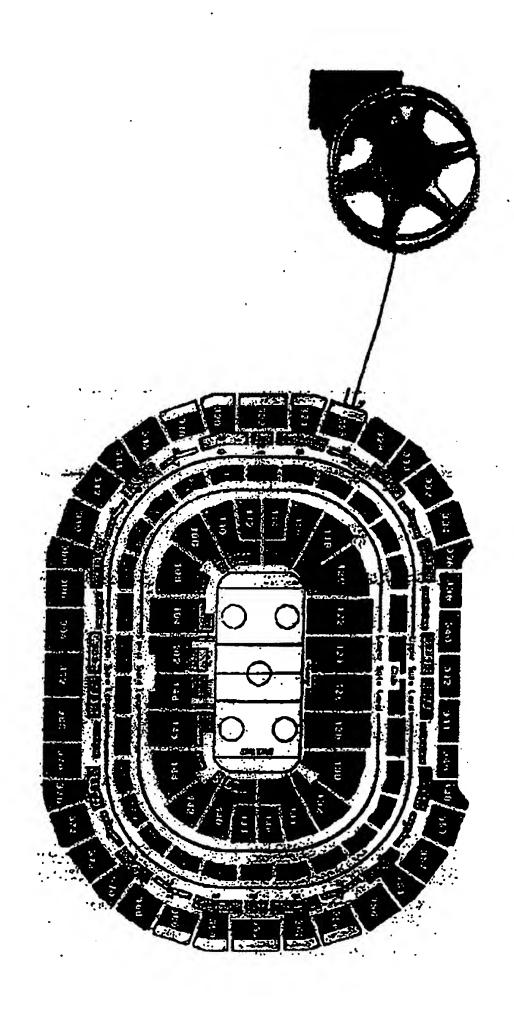
embodiments of the invention, additional serves may be offered, such as e-mailing MPEG and/or JPEG soft copies of images to customers, or providing them on media (such as diskette, CD or DVD) at the venue or otherwise.

In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the invention, a business method and system is provided whereby producers of an event may sell customers chances for people, groups, or venue scenes to be put on camera. Such customers include individuals or groups buying tickets to attend the event and individuals or groups viewing or expecting to view the event, such as on the Internet. TV, web TV. Also, individuals (hereafter, individuals includes single persons, and groups or associations of individuals) may select areas or particular seats that they would like to see, and then pay for an increased chance or an assurance that such area or seat will be included in the broadcast or other distribution of the event.

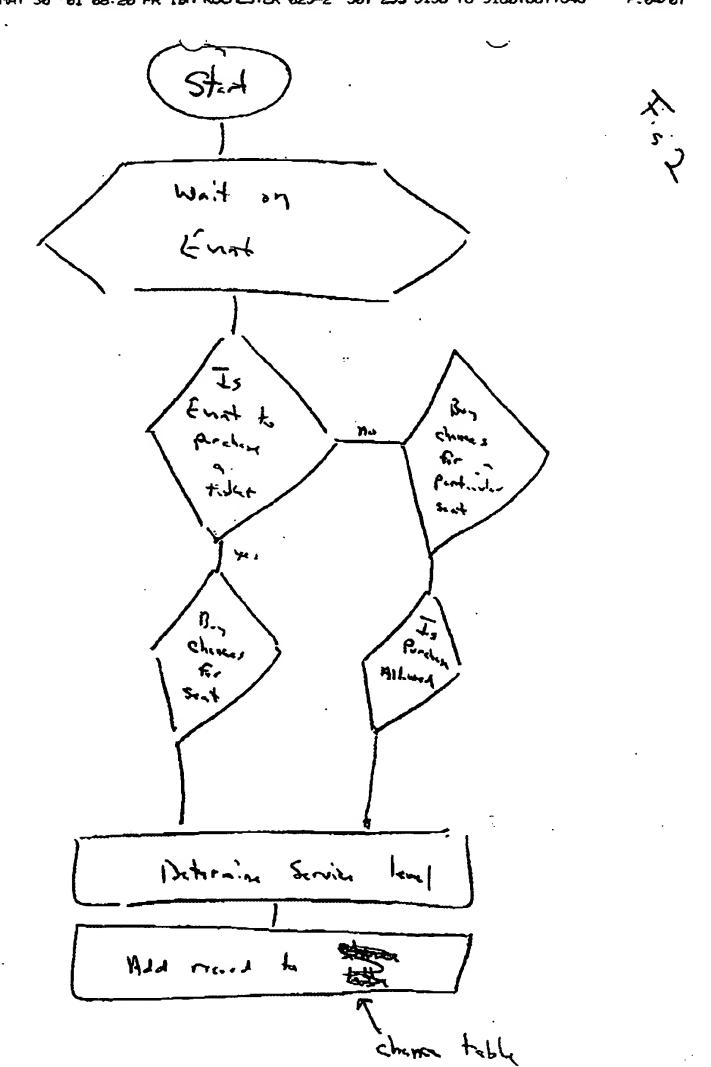
In accordance with these exemplary embodiments of the invention, a user buys a chance (increased probability or assurance) that a particular seat(s) location will be selected by the producers or others for being put on camera. These chances may be purchased at the time the ticket is purchased for attending the event, or later by the ticket purchaser or even others. The seat locations for which such chances have been purchased are recorded in a chance table, and the camera operators or editors select locations from that chance table for the video shots.

In accordance with a further exemplary embodiment of the invention, in addition to being put on a TV broadcast of the event, soft copies of images made of seat locations may

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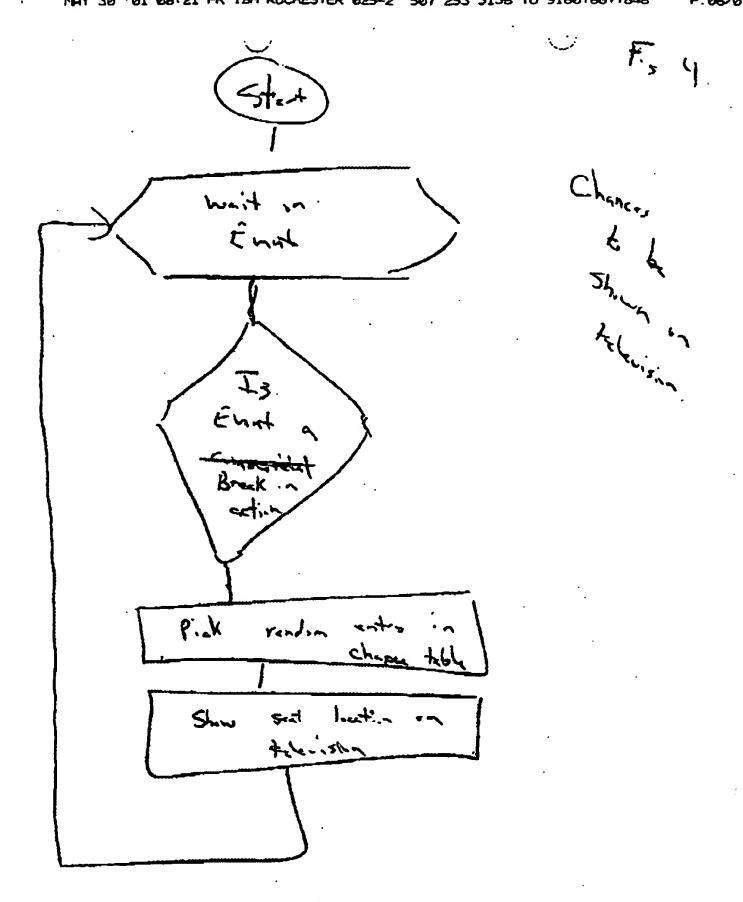


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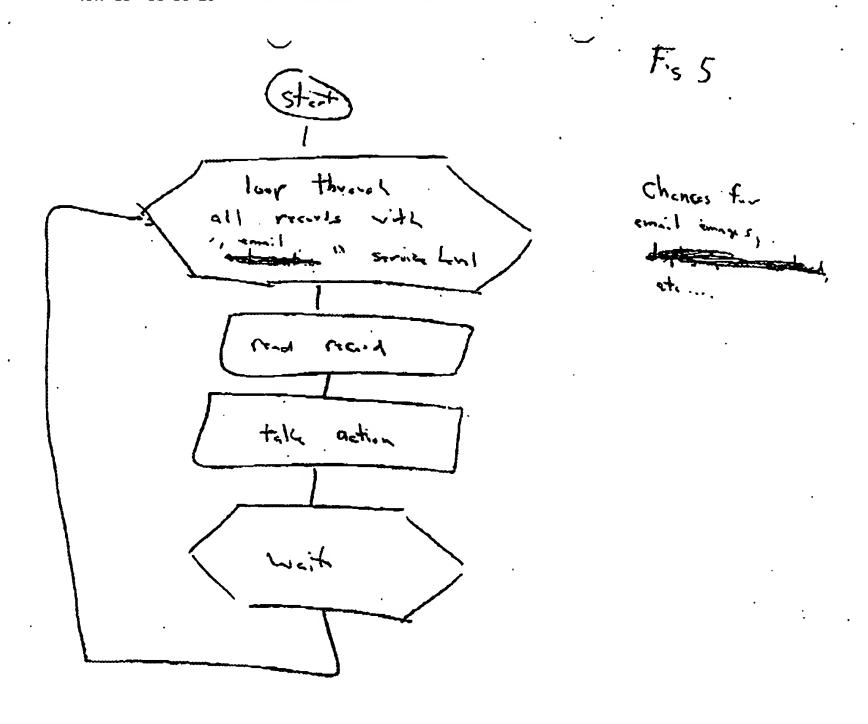
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Fig 1.

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A simple camera taking a picture of a given seat location in an arena

Fig 2

A program flow of the Capability of buying chances. This program could run in a kinsk or part of an online ticket purchase etc...

Fig 3

A data structure called "chance table". This data structure will hold all entries for purchased chances. The columns are seat location, seat \$, email address, home address, service level and chache count. The service level field probably needs a little explaining. Two thought here is that this column could have the value of "chance" . If so then those records would apply to wanting to be on television and Fig 4 would apply to those records. Another possible value would be "email" wich would indicate they want email pictures sent, this could be done automatically and hance the chance count column would be irrelevant. Other values for other service levels are contemplated.

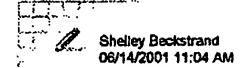
Fig 4

Basically a program flow or logic flow of what takes place when a break in the action takes place. When a break in the action takes place then a record is randomly picked from the "chance" table and the seat location is shown. I chose to say break in teh action rather than commercial break to show that we could use the big screens at the games to show seets as well.

Fig 5

Program flow to go through all chance records to email pictures.

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To;

John Santosuosso/Rochester/IBM

CC:

Shelley Beckstrand/Endicott/Contr/IBM@ibmus

Subject: Re: business method, charging for stadium shots

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I'll write a draft of your patent application in the next few days and send you a draft for review next week. If I have any questions, I'll ask them at that time.

Thanks.

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William Schlesser/Endicott/IBM

From:

Shelley Beckstrand/Endicott/Contr/IBM@ibmus

Subject: end920010062us1: business method, charging for stadium shots

Attached is a draft of your patent application. Please mark it up with any changes needed before we send it to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

I have some drawings to fax to you. Please give me your fax number, and I'll send them to you tomorrow morning.



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Thank you.

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From: John Santosuosso/Rochester/IBM@IBMUS Subject: business method , charging for stadium shots

Shelley

Are the materials that I sent sufficient, i.e. are they self explaining. I was trying to cover two espects of the invention.

The first is where we try and sell chances to people in hopes of being put on tv

The second is were we will sell chances but in all probability will take pictures of you at your seat and email them to you.

I could not figure out a good way to incorporate the security aspect of the invention where we proposed to have security come and remove people from seats they should not be at. This seemed to be a separate idea that perhaps should not have been in this disclosure.

Let me know what you think ...

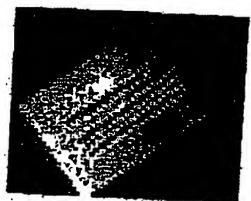
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Re: IBM Docket END920010062 -"BUSINESS METHOD FOR CHARGING STADIUM SHOTS"

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Dear Shelley:

Please prepare an executable patent application for the above referenced docket in accordance with our standard IBM Microelectronics terms and conditions. This application must be filed on or before June 29, 2001 in accordance with the Business Method Patent Incentive program guidelines. Enclosed are an invention disclosure, evaluation, patentability search request, patentability search results with references attached, and inventor information for your use in preparing this patent application.

If it is your opinion that the preparation of an executable patent application for this docket should exceed our agreed upon attorneys' fees or that the executable application cannot be returned to our office by June 22 to allow sufficient time to have the application executed, please call me as soon as possible.

For technical assistance, please contact Gilford Martino @ (607) 752-4308, or one of the other inventors, who are copied on this letter for their attention.

Thank you for accepting this case on behalf of IBM. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Willin E. Schim

William B. Schiesser Patent Engineer

NOTE TO INVENTORS: Please promptly provide our outside counsel with any additional descriptions, drawings, flowcharts, etc. for your invention. Preferably, fax the information to the outside counsel at (607) 687-7848 and be sure to reference the docket number given above. The correspondence should be labeled "Prepared for an IBM Attorney - Privileged and Confidential".

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To.

Gifford Martino/Endicott/IBM

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Robert Keene/Endloott/IBM, William Schiesser/Endloott/IBM

From: Shelley Beckstrand/Endicott/Contr/IBM@ibmus Subject: Re: patent applications end9 2001 0060 and 0082

I am trying to schedule a meeting with Bob Keene for Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. that should go an hour or so. If you are available when that is completed, we could meet Monday afternoon. Another alternative is to meet in IPLaw conference room on Wednesday afternoon. I have meetings there at 12:30 and 1:30, but should be through by 4:00 p.m.

In either event, if you could drop off the charts with Bob Keene, and if he is able to meet with me Monday (that is not confirmed), I could pick them up then.

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Gilford Martino/Endicott/IBM@IBMUS

Subject: Re: patent applications end9 2001 0060 and 0062

Shelley,

I will have some flow charts by Monday that I can fax to you, if you want to first see what we can come up with.

If you still need a meeting, would it be possible to start later in the afternoon, like 4pm Monday or Tuesday ?

I know that it is a late start time, but it will be difficult for me to meet during peak working hours.

Thank you,
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To: Gilford Martino/Endicott/IBM

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cc: William Schlesser/Endicott/IBM
From: Shelley Beckstrand/Endicott/Contr/IBM@lbmus
Subject: patent applications end9 2001 0060 and 0082

I would like to get started on your patent applications, which must be completed by June 22 - so time is of the essence.

May I meet with you for two to three hours to lay out the cases, your office, on Wednesday morning 9:00 a.m. to noon, of this coming week, May 23, 2001?

I suspect that neither invention has been developed beyond the state described in the invention disclosures, so we'll need to come up with a few drawings and pseudo code statements describing the various alternative embodiments.

Thank you.

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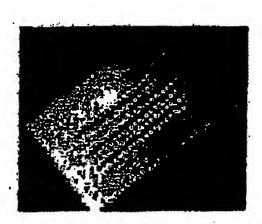
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You've got my sign off.

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I am faxing out 2 of the pages. I found some minor word changes and circled one sentence that I did not understand, other than that its ready to go from my review. Once Gil signs off on it I guess we would be done.

Thanks.

John Santosuosso 253-4452

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Attached is a draft of your patent application. Please mark it up with any changes needed before we send it to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

I have some drawings to fax to you. Please give me your fax number, and I'll send them to you tomorrow moming.

Thank you.

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Shelley

Are the materials that I sent sufficient, i.e. are they self explaining. I was trying to cover two aspects of the invention.

The first is where we try and sell chances to people in hopes of being put on tv The second is were we will sell chances but in all probability will take pictures of you at your seat and email them to you.

I could not figure out a good way to incorporate the security aspect of the invention where we proposed to have security come and remove people from seats they should not be at. This seemed to be a separate idea that perhaps should not have been in this disclosure.

Let me know what you think ...

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